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THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME UNWRITTEN LAW THAT IF THERE ARE FIVE WAYS YOU CAN DO SOMETHING, THE WAY YOU LEAST WANT TO GO IS ALWAYS THE WAY YOU END UP GOING.

THE UNIVERSE HAS A MEAN SENSE OF HUMOR.

BUT AT LEAST WE GET TO MAKE OUR OWN HOURS.

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NOT THAT I HAD MUCH TO GO ON IN THE FIRST PLACE ABOUT THE GUY WHO'S BEEN GRABBING DOWN-AND-OUTERS: BLACK STAR TATTOO, PROBABLY EX-CON, CALLS HIMSELF THE SHADE AND DOES A DISAPPEARING ACT THAT COULD SHAME DAVID COPPERFIELD --

-- WHO I'VE ALWAYS FOUND A LITTLE CREEPY ANYWAY, PROBABLY SOMETHING ABOUT HIS HAIR, LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT A DEMON LIVING ON TOP OF HIS HEAD --

-- BUT I COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING USEFUL ON ANY OF MY WEB SEARCHES.



HEH... SPIDER-MAN... WEB SEARCHES... THAT'S FUNNY. I SHOULD'VE TRADEMARKED THAT ONE. COULD'VE MADE A MINT.

WEB-CHATS, WEB-ZINES, WEB-BROWSERS, WEB-LINKS...



WITH ALL THAT WEBBING GOING ON, YOU'D THINK I'D BE BETTER LINKED.

HEY, MAYBE BILL GATES NEEDS A WEB MASCOT...



NAH... THEN I'D HAVE TO KEEP CHANGING MY NAME... SPIDEY88... SPIDEYME... SPIDEYXP... SPIDEYWHAT DO YOU MEAN I GOTTA UP GRADE AGAIN?



WHEN OBI-WAN TALKED ABOUT THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE, WHO KNEW HE WAS REFERRING TO WINDOWS...?



AND NOW I GET TO PLAY STUPID LIKE I DON'T KNOW IT'S JENNIFER SINCE SHE'S ONLY MET PETER, NOT ME.

HI, UHM, I'M LOOKING FOR JENNIFER.

YEAH, THAT'S ME.



GREAT, LISTEN, I --

SO WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHO AM I?

I TOLD YOU WHO I WAS, SHOULDN'T YOU?



YOU LIVE IN NEW YORK?

YEP.

YOU WATCH THE NEWS?

YEP.

YOU EVER DO A WEB SEARCH?

YEAH, BUT WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH --

SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM? I SAVED YOUR BROTHER'S LIFE!



OH, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE... I JUST WANNA HEAR YOU SAY IT... KNOW, DO THAT WHOLE SUPER HERO I AM SPIDER-MAN THING...

C'MON, I LIVE IN AN ABANDONED BASEMENT. I GOTTA GET SOME FUN IN SOMEWHERE...

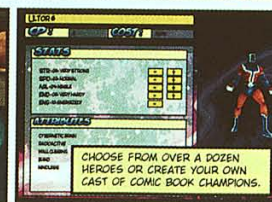
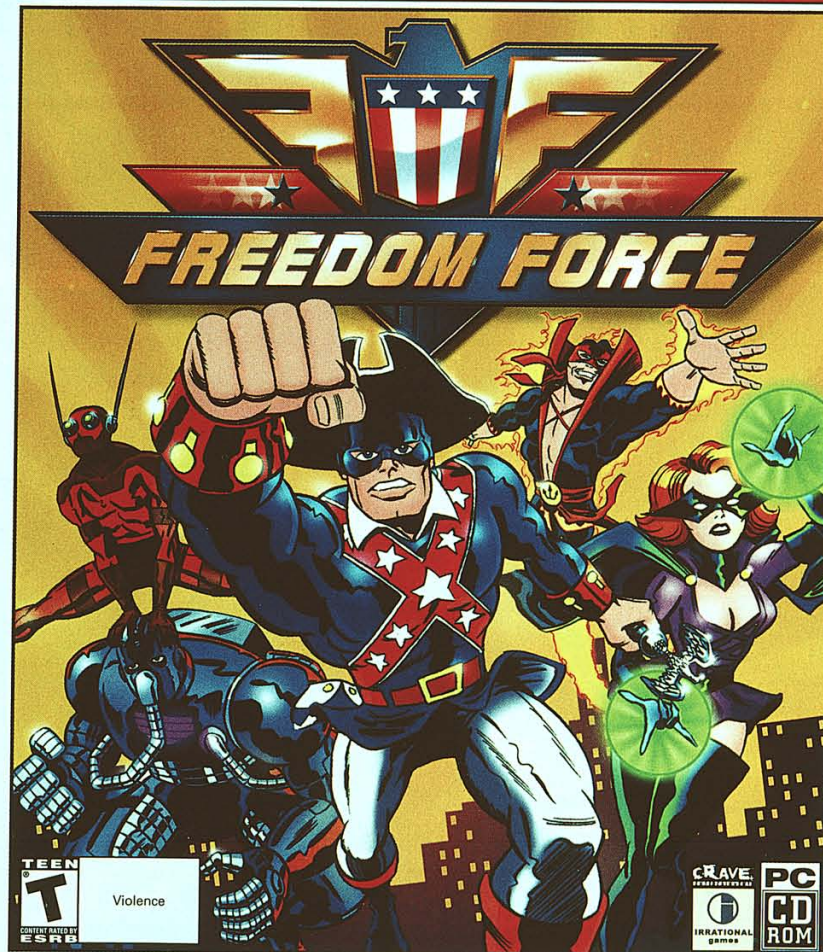


I'M SPIDER-MAN.

HE SAID IT, HE SAID IT, HEE-HEE! OKAY, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

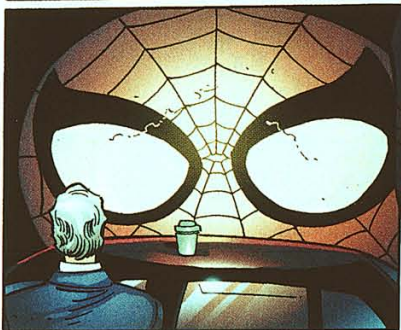


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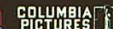


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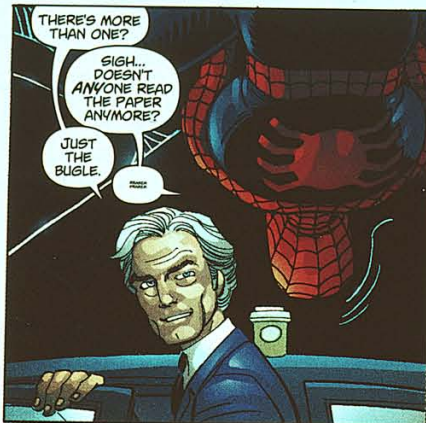
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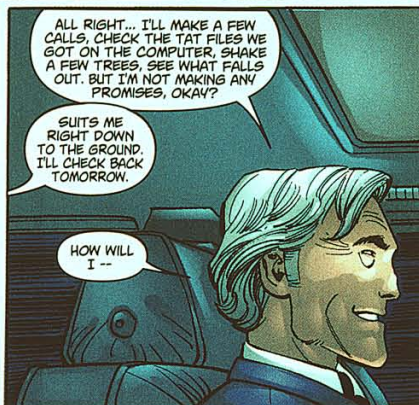
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ERM... YOU MAY NOT WANT TO DROP ALL THOSE IN THE MAIL AT ONCE, IT MIGHT DRAW ATTENTION TO --

I WAS PLANNING TO SEND THEM IN FIVE BATCHES, ONE PER DAY, EACH FROM A DIFFERENT MAILBOX, EACH WITH A DIFFERENT NAME.

GOOD. THAT'S GOOD, I --

I JUST CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE THINKING MY NEPHEW IS A BAD PERSON, PETER. I CAN'T HAVE IT.



I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE OKAY WITH THIS.

I AM. I JUST --

I JUST NEED TO KEEP MOVING, PETER. THAT'S ALL.



YOUR UNCLE BEN USED TO CALL IT WATER SKING... YOU KEEP MOVING AS FAST AS YOU CAN BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE STANDING ON WON'T SUPPORT YOU IF YOU SLOW DOWN.

WHAT I'M STANDING ON RIGHT NOW WON'T SUPPORT ME IF I SLOW DOWN AND START THINKING ABOUT THIS TOO MUCH. SO I HAVE TO KEEP MOVING.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT, CAN'T YOU, PETER?



YEAH... YEAH, I CAN.

I LOVE YOU. YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?

I DO. AND I LOVE YOU TOO. I WOULDN'T BE DOING THIS IF I DIDN'T.

NOW BE A DEAR AND TURN OFF THE OVEN BEFORE THE POT ROAST DRIES OUT.

RIGHT.



AND YOU MIGHT CONSIDER TOSSING THAT COSTUME --

-- UNIFORM --

-- INTO THE WASH SOMETIME. I'M SURE THOSE SUPER-VILLAIN-WHATEVERS DON'T NOTICE, BUT WHENEVER YOU COME BACK THERE'S A CERTAIN MUSTINESS --

IT'S THE MUSK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH OVERPowers THE STENCH OF EEEVIL --

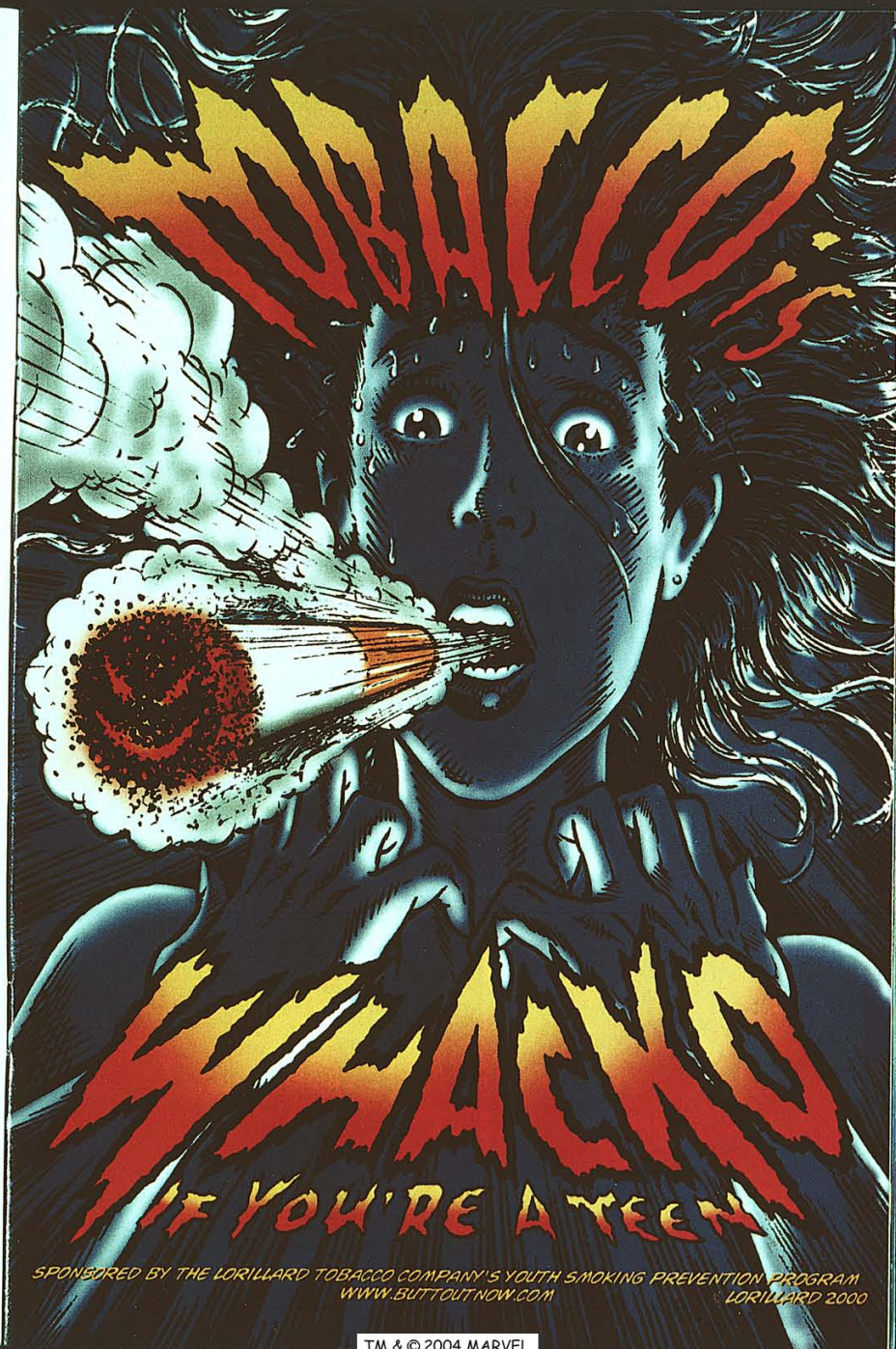


PETER --

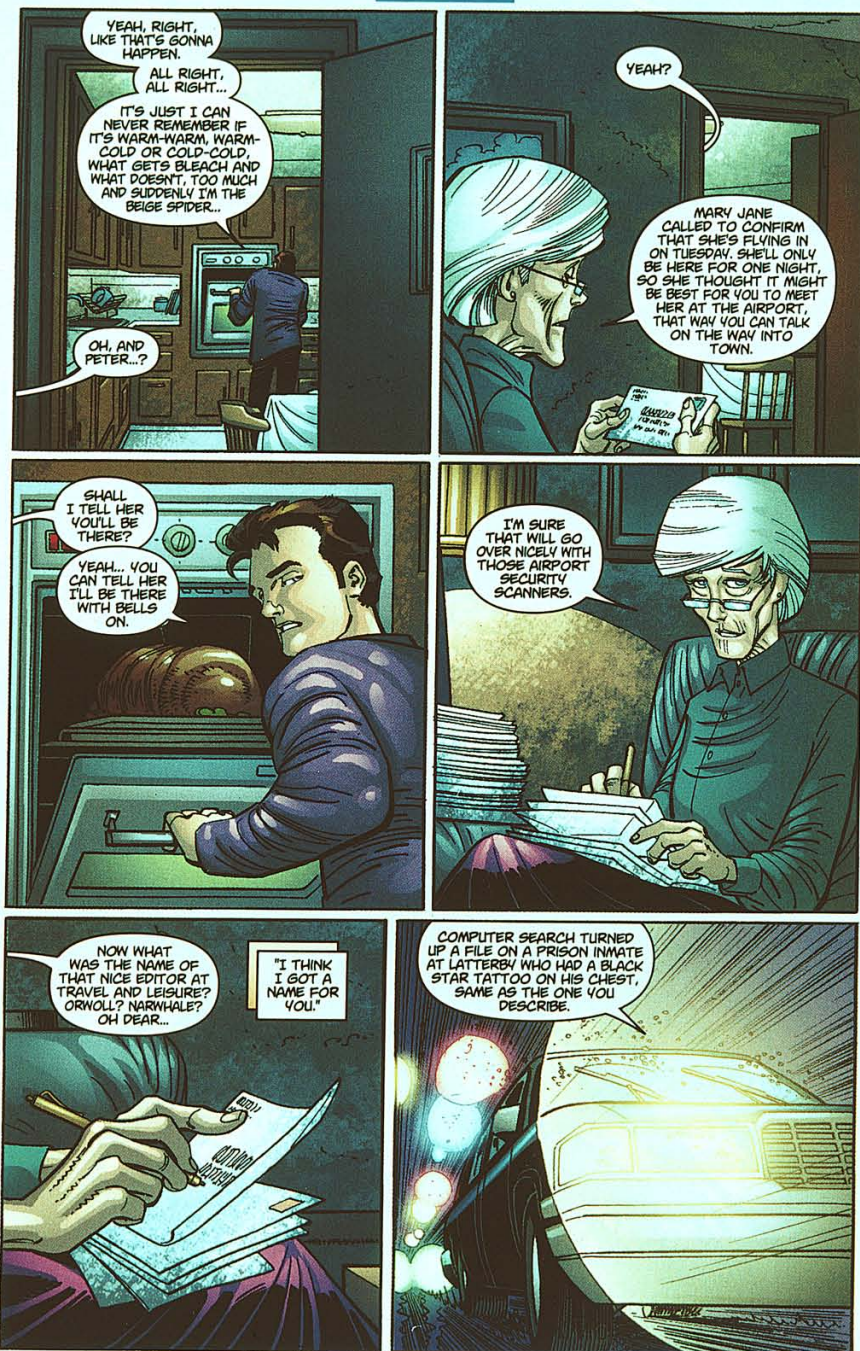
IT'S JUST... WE'RE HAVING THE SUPER HERO EQUIVALENT OF THE "ALWAYS WEAR CLEAN UNDERWEAR IN CASE YOU'RE IN AN ACCIDENT" DISCUSSION.

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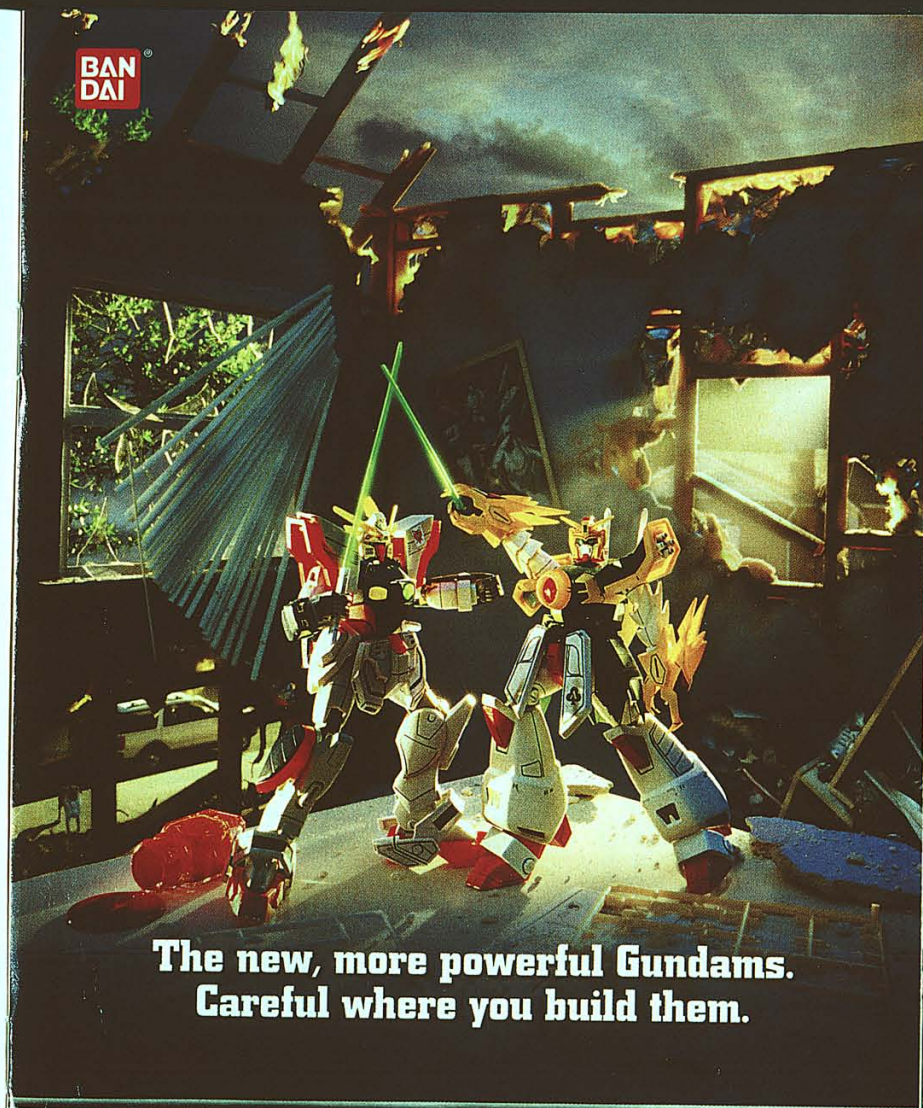
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"IT'S
RIGHT THIS WAY,
LIEUTENANT."



WHAT I DON'T GET IS
HOW THIS GUY COULD BE
THE SAME ONE I SAW
RUNNING AROUND
OUTSIDE.

YOU
SAID HE CAN
COME AND GO
AS HE LIKES, FADE
IN AND FADE OUT,
JUST LIKE ONE OF
THOSE SCREEN-
PLAYS --

THAT'S
TRUE, SO I
FOLLOW THE
GETTING-OUT-
OF-HERE
PART --



-- IT'S THE "WHY WOULD
ANYBODY COME BACK"
PART THAT'S GOT
ME PUZZLED.

...SNIFF! HEY!
HEY YOU! YOU
SMELL ALL PRETTY.
SMELL NICE. WANNA
COME BE MY GIRLY
GIRL, LITTLE
PRETTY?

HAH!



SOMEDAY THEY'LL
MAKE A MOVIE... SOMEDAY
THEY'LL MAKE A MOVIE...
SOMEDAY THEY'LL MAKE
A MOVIE...

HERE
HE IS.



RICHARD?
MR. CRANSTON? YOU
HAVE GUESTS.

HE DOESN'T
TALK MUCH THESE
DAYS, I'M AFRAID.

IS THIS
THE GUY?



NO.
NOT EVEN
CLOSE.

THEN WE'RE
RIGHT BACK WHERE
WE

EXCEPT
THAT'S THE
EXACT SAME
TATTOO.

OH,
THAT'S NOT A
TATTOO.



IT'S A BURN. VERY UNUSUAL.
NEVER QUITE SEEMS TO
HEAL. I DON'T KNOW THE
SIGNIFICANCE OF IT, ONLY
THAT HE GOT IT WHILE STILL
IN PRISON, SHORTLY
BEFORE HE WAS
COMMITTED.

HUH... THAT IS
INTERESTING.

THAT MEAN
SOMETHING
TO YOU?



NOPE. IT'S JUST INTERESTING.
CAN I GO INSIDE, SPEAK
TO HIM?

SURE, I
SUPPOSE, BUT
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT GOOD IT'LL
DO YOU --

-- LIKE I SAID HE
HASN'T DONE
ANYTHING SINCE
HE GOT HERE.

UH-
OH...

HE'S A
CONGRESSMAN.

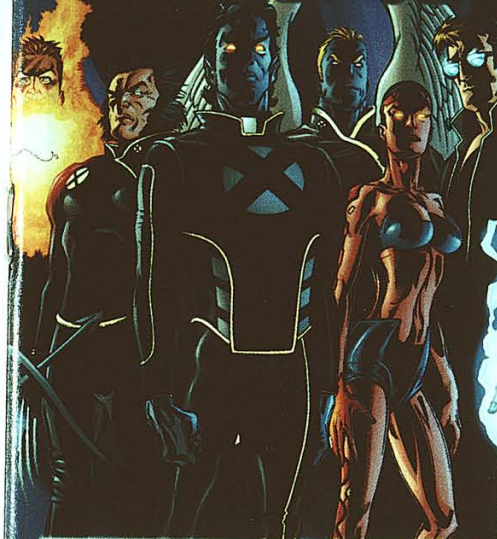
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Y'KNOW, THIS
WOULD PROBABLY BE
A GOOD TIME FOR ME
TO MENTION THAT
I'M ARMED.



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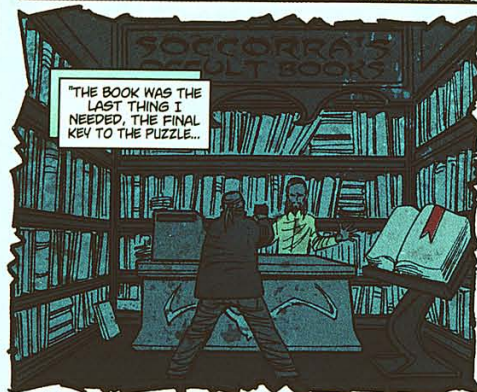
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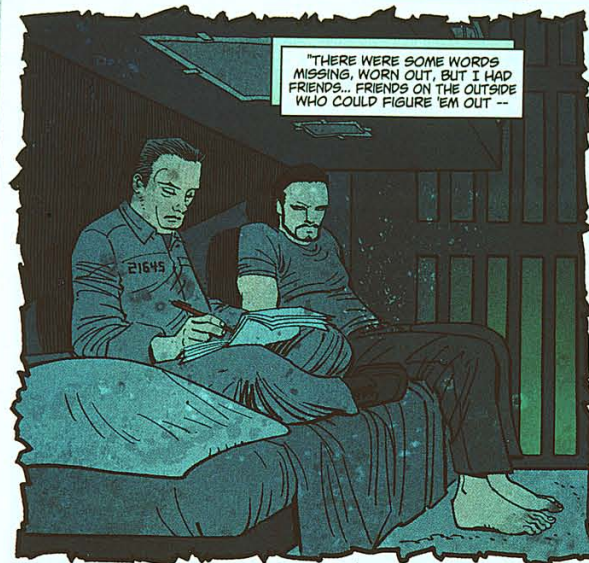
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"-- SO THEY SNUCK 'EM INTO LETTERS, CODED IN SENTENCES, SO I COULD FINISH THE SPELL."



"WHILE EVERYBODY ELSE WAS SECRETLY MAKING SHANKS IN THE METAL SHOP --"

"-- I WAS MAKING THE ICON I NEEDED TO PERFORM THE RITUAL."



WHAT KIND OF RITUAL? WHAT WAS IT SUPPOSED TO DO?

GIVE ME THE POWER I NEEDED TO ESCAPE, TO GO ANYWHERE I WANTED, TAKE WHATEVER I WANTED, THROUGH THE PLACE IN-BETWEEN.

THE PLACE IN-BETWEEN...?



THE ASTRAL PLANE...



"I SPOKE THE SPELL, REACHED THE POINT OF NO RETURN, THEN --"



"THEN --"

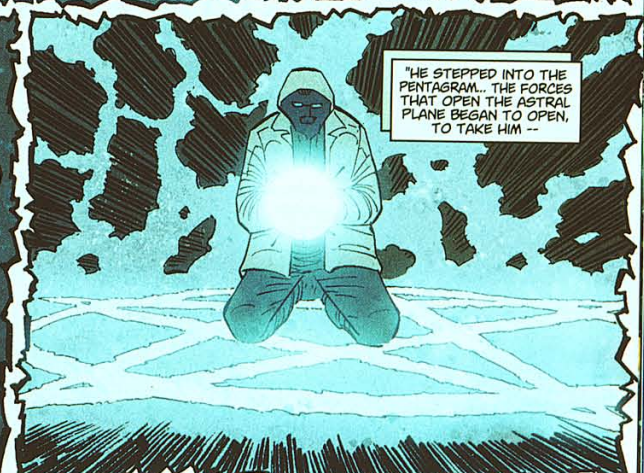


UHHNN!

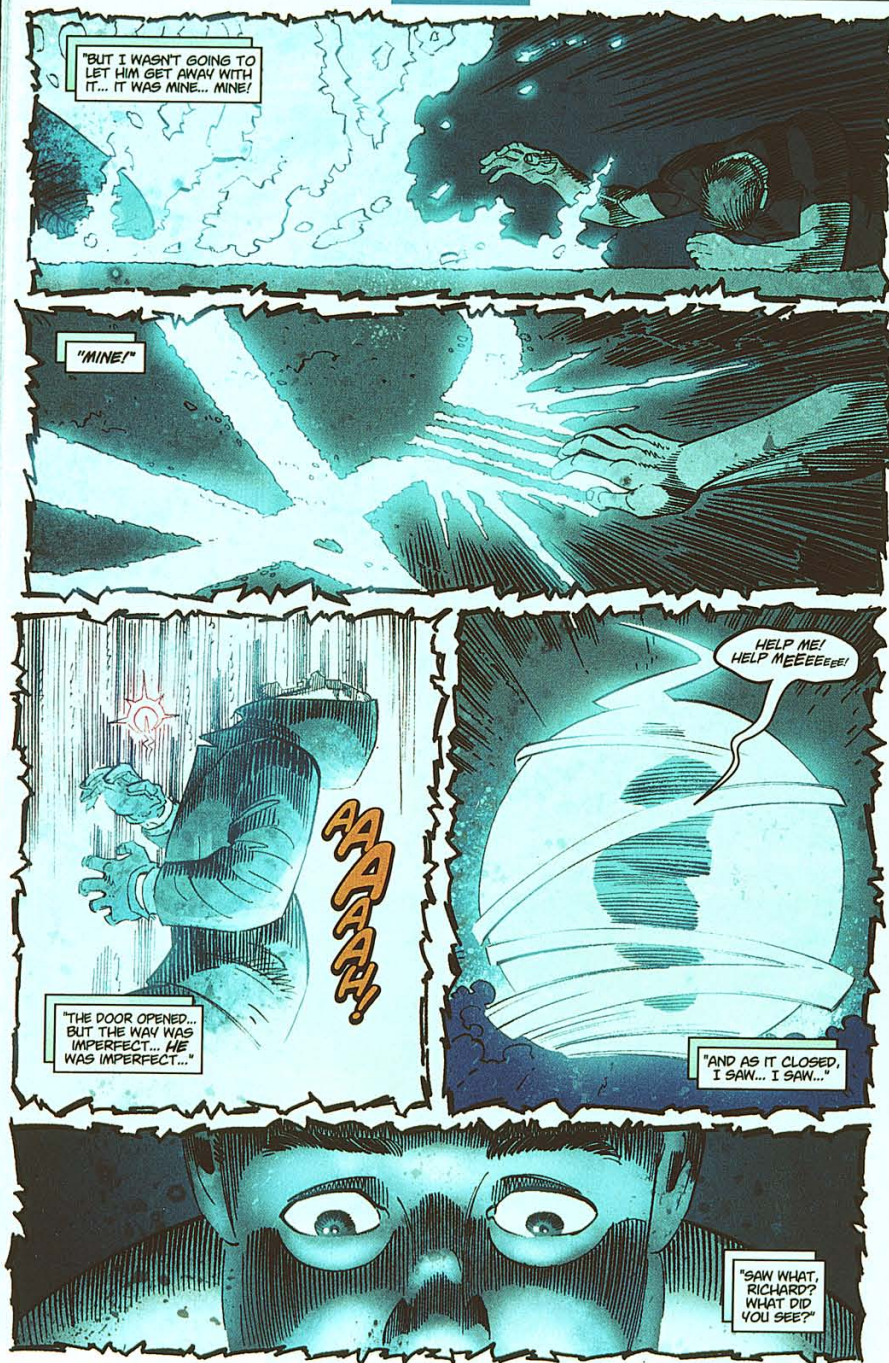
THANKS FOR DOING THE HOMEWORK, BUDDY.



JUST WHAT I NEEDED TO FINISH THE JOB AND GET MYSELF OUTTA HERE.



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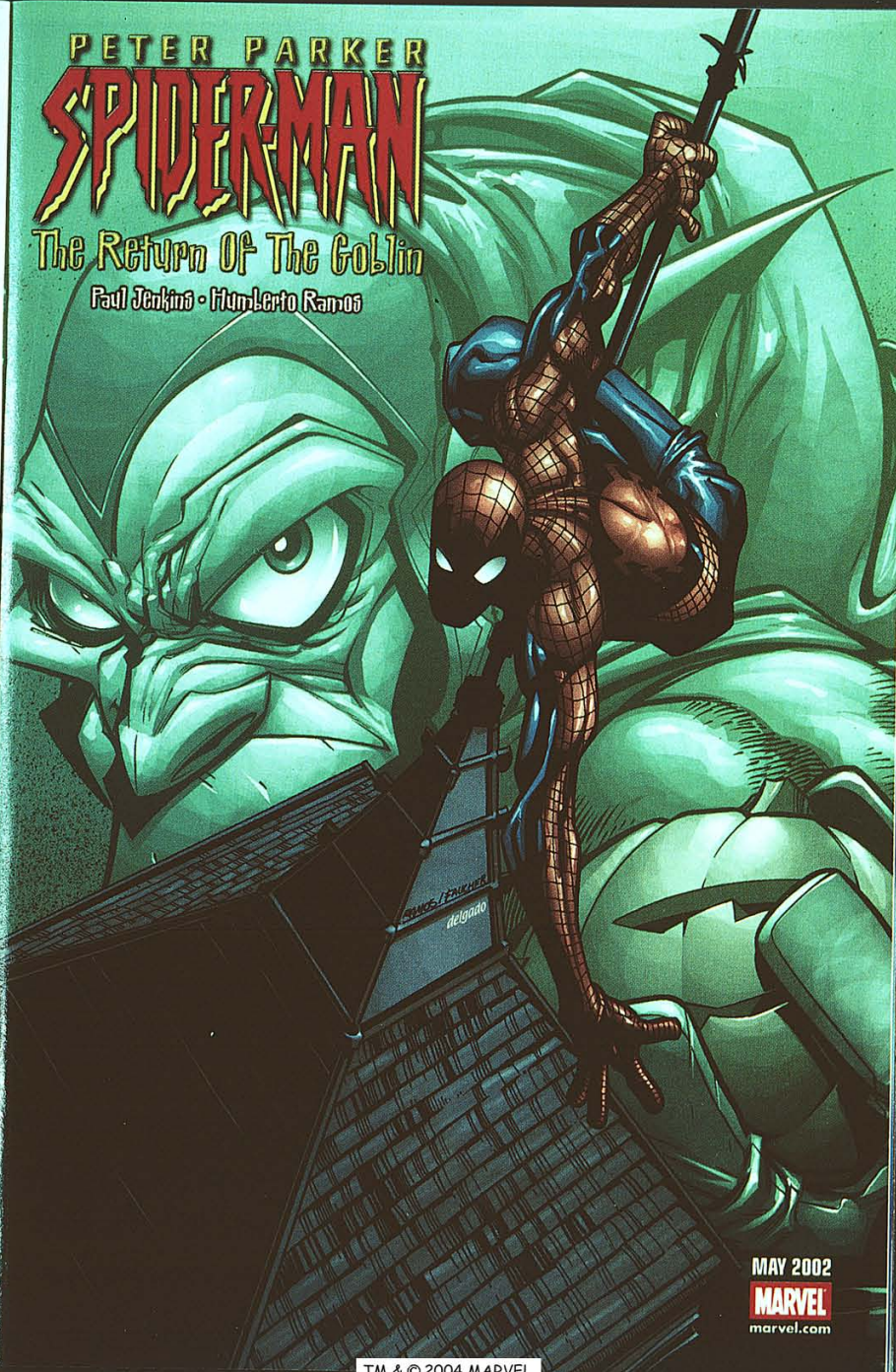
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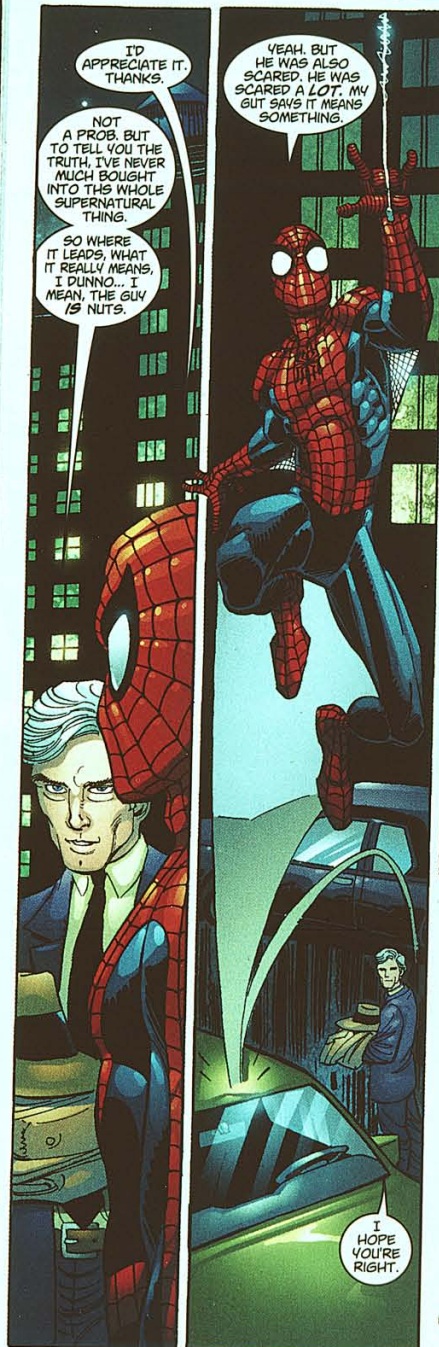
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WHO! LOW BLOW! WATCH OUT!

IS THAT MR. HYDE? GUESS WHAT? YOU'RE STILL UGLY!

HI, STILT-MAN, NICE HELMET -- OUCH! CUT THAT OUT!

I NEVER GET THIS AT HOOTERS!

MAKE HIM STOP, KRAVEN!

UH-UH, I AM NOT GETTING INVOLVED IN THAT CHILDISH NITWIT'S FIGHTS.



BABY...



OKAY, MAYBE I AM.



THAT'S MY GIRLFRIEND! RRRRAAAHHH!

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YOU CAN CALL ME AL PART TWO



I CAN DO THIS ALONE, YOU KNOW.

I'M NOT SEEING THAT.



SO HOW YOU BEEN, KRAVEN? WHAT'S NEW? WHAT'S UP? WHAT'S SHAKIN'?

CAN WE CHAT LATER?



I ALWAYS TALK WHEN I FIGHT. IT'S MY THING, MY HOOK, MY TRADEMARK, MY --

HORRIBLY ANNOYING HABIT?



SOMEONE GET UP ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE TREE THIS MORNING?

PLEASE SHUT UP.



SO MANY VILLAINS, SO LITTLE TIME. HEY, KRAVEN, YOU WANNA SEE SOMETHING FUNNY? LOOK -- THIS GUY'S GOT A FACE ON TOP OF HIS FACE!

I'M BEGGING YOU...



WELL, THAT WAS FUN. WHAT'CHA WANNA DO TOMORROW NIGHT?

YOU EVER CONSIDER THERAPY, BECAUSE YOU REALLY NEED TO WORK OUT SOME ISSUES.



TIMBY, COULD YOU GIVE US A MINUTE, BABY?



THAT'S THE GREAT THING ABOUT BARS. THEY MAKE SURE TO LOAD UP THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO FIGHT WITH THE STUFF TO MAKE THEM KEEP WANTING TO FIGHT.

SEE, VERY CRANKY. NICE TO MEET YOU, TIMBY.

YOU TOO. B'YE, HONEY.



HER, YOU'RE NICE TO.

SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND. YOU'RE JUST IRRITATING.

THAT SOUR MOOD IS TERRIBLE FOR YOUR COLON. LIGHTEN UP.

ALL RIGHT JUST STOP.



WHAT?

WHAT'S TO KNOW? I'M JUST YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD --

PARKER.

YOU'RE MY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD PETER PARKER, A PRE-ULCEROUS WORRYWART WHO TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING BUT THE RAIN. SO CUT THAT "HAPPY-GO-LUCKY-LIKE-MOI" CRAP. OKAY?

YOU THINK I DONT KNOW ABOUT YOU?



YOU'RE SO CRANKY. TRY BEING HAPPY-GO-LUCKY LIKE MOI.

BULLSHIT! HEH, 'SCUSE ME.



SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

NOW? NOTHING.

I RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY. I ONLY CARE WHO YOU REALLY ARE IN CASE YOU'RE MY ENEMY. I THINK YOU'RE AN IMMATURE, INSECURE, NEUROTIC JERK WITH A BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER, BUT YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT MY ENEMY.

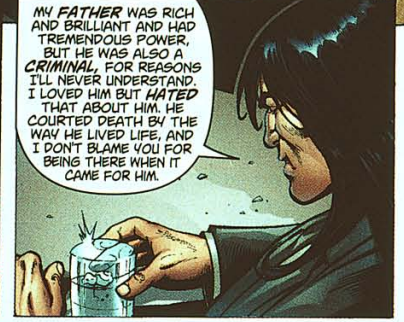


YOU KNOW, YOU'RE SUCH A POMPUS, ARROGANT JERK, I BELIEVE YOU.

NO REASON NOT TO.



I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU BLAMED ME FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FATHER.



MY FATHER WAS RICH AND BRILLIANT AND HAD TREMENDOUS POWER, BUT HE WAS ALSO A CRIMINAL. FOR REASONS I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND. I LOVED HIM BUT HATED THAT ABOUT HIM. HE COURTED DEATH BY THE WAY HE LIVED LIFE, AND I DONT BLAME YOU FOR BEING THERE WHEN IT CAME FOR HIM.



I WAS RAISED TO BE PART OF NATURE. DEATH IS NATURE. MY FATHER DIDNT FEAR IT, AND I DONT EITHER. I NEVER KID MYSELF ABOUT ANYTHING AND I KNOW WHAT SIDE YOU'RE ON.



I GUESS OLD KRAVEN DID A FEW THINGS RIGHT.

YOU TRY TO HUG ME AND WE FIGHT.

NOT TO WORRY.

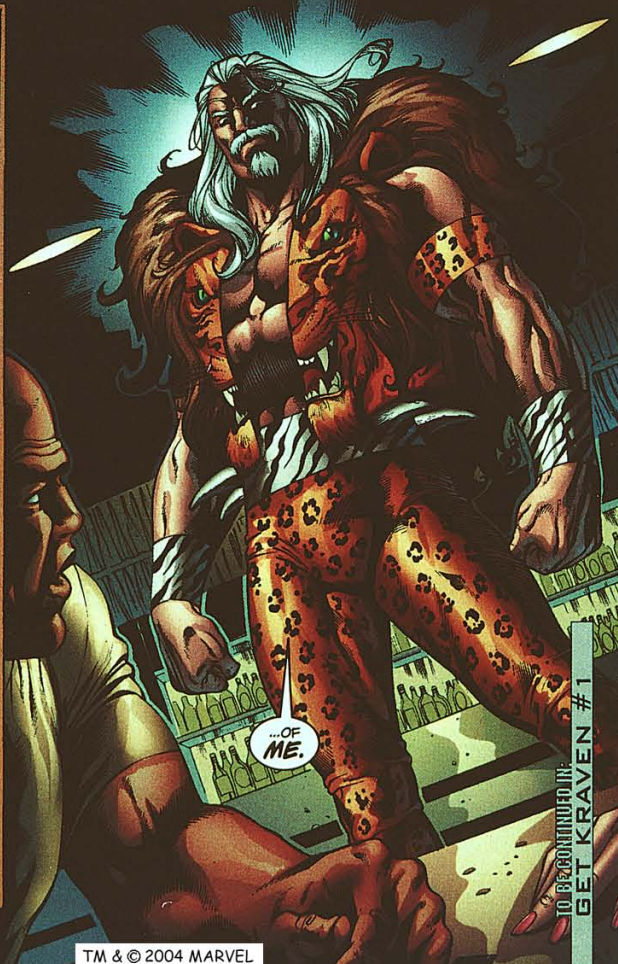


SO WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHO GOT US BOTH DOWN HERE AND WHY?

ME TOO. MOSTLY BECAUSE IT MEANS YOU ARENT THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHAT I DONT KNOW KNEW.

ANY WAY TO MAKE THAT SENTENCE MORE CONVOLUTED?

I DONT THINK SO, NO.



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